

FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of a belt assembly 10, shown in a curved configuration. The assembly includes a series of segments 20 connected by a central shaft 22. The segments are labeled with various features: 12 (a grid pattern), 40 (a rectangular segment), 44C (a small rectangular feature), 54 (a segment with three stars), and 64 (a segment with a grid pattern). A dashed line indicates the belt's path.

FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of the same belt assembly 10, shown in a straight configuration. The segments are labeled with various features: 32 (a rectangular segment), 40 (a rectangular segment), 46h (a textured segment), 50 (a rectangular segment), 60 (a segment with three stars), 60' (a segment with a triangle), 60'' (a segment with a triangle), 60''' (a segment with a triangle), 62 (a segment with three stars), 72 (a segment with a triangle), 82 (a segment with a triangle), and 92 (a segment with a triangle). The segments are connected by a central shaft 22, which is also labeled with 28.

FIG. 2

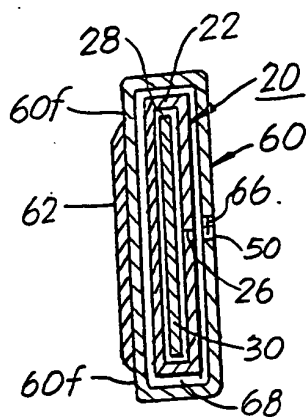
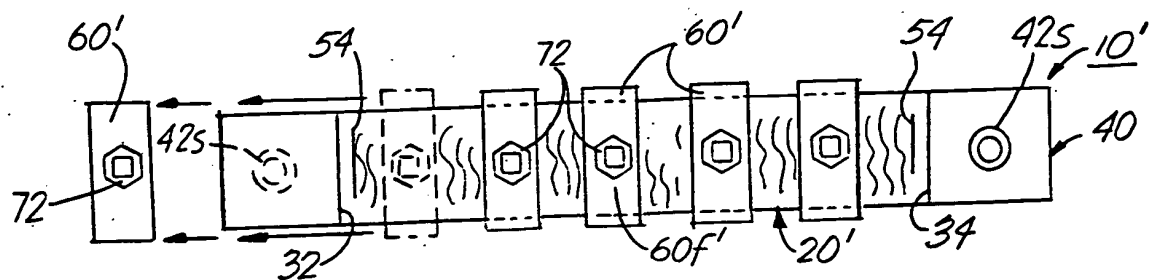
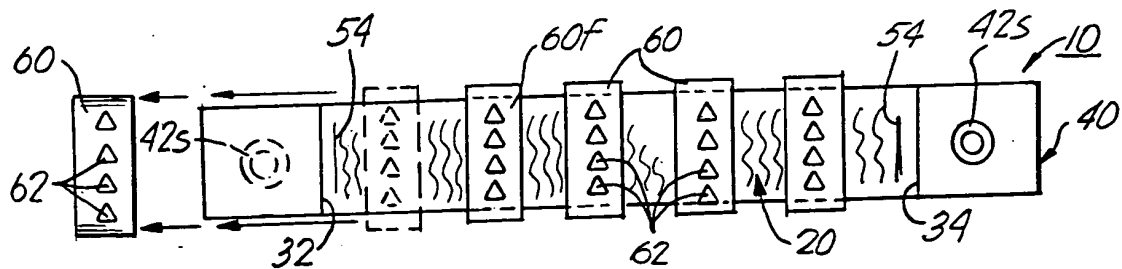
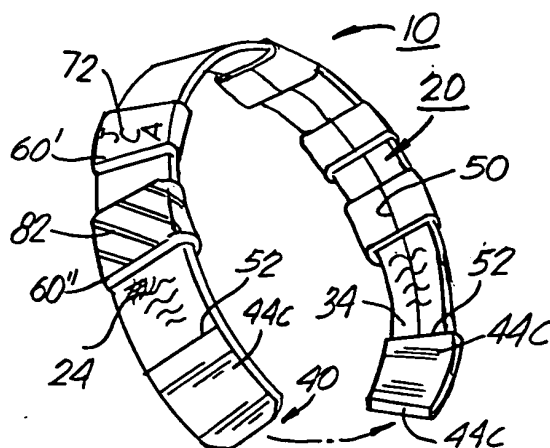
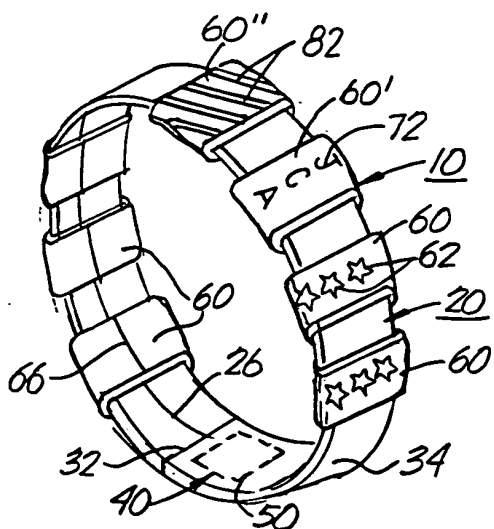


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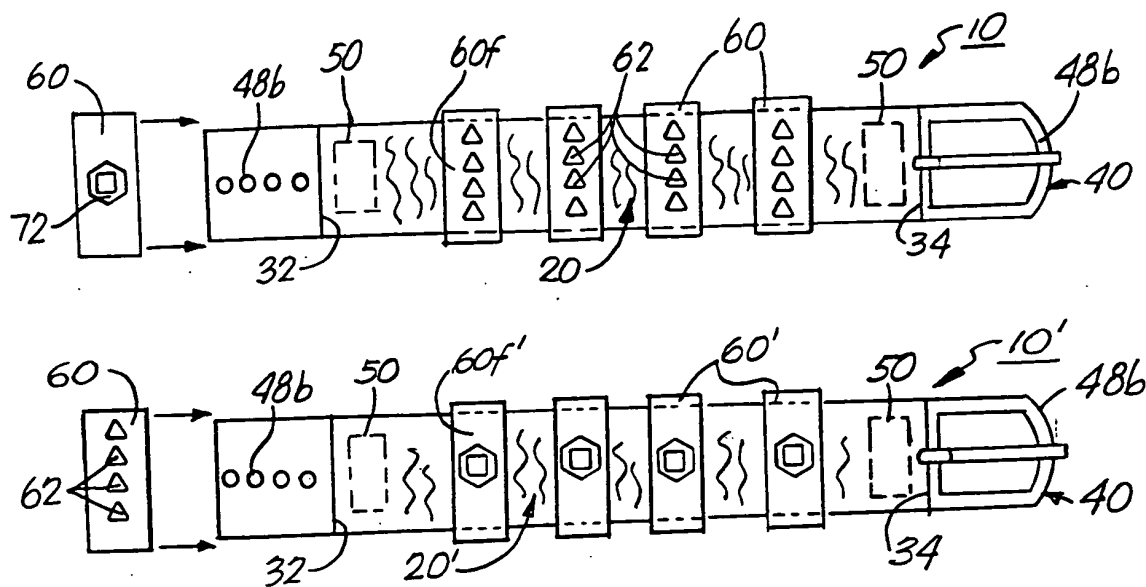


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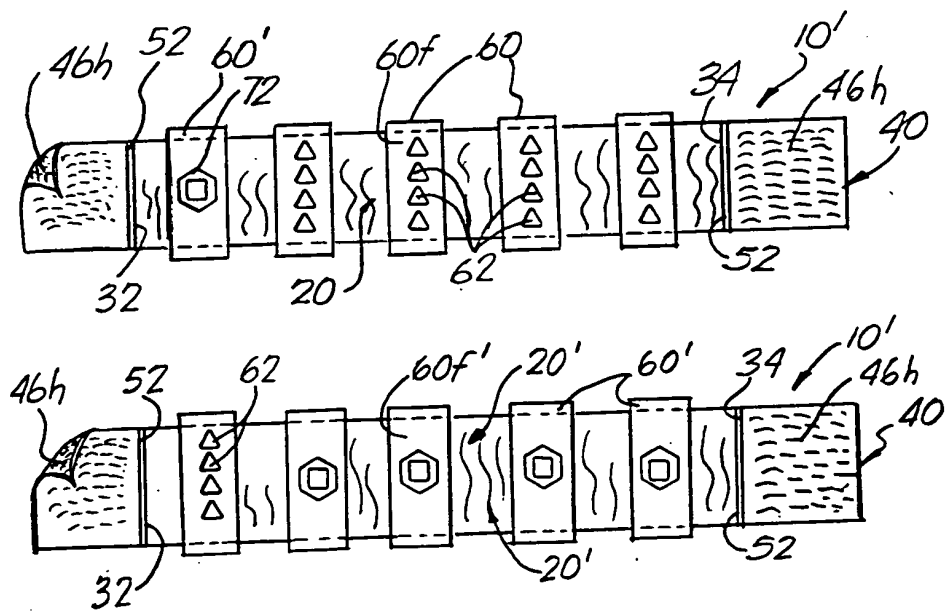


FIG. 6C

METHOD OF USE IN OPERATING OF THE FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

STEP 1 OPENING THE FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

Opening of the closure means 40 on each wristband sections 20 and 20' of each first and second friendship bracelets 10 and 10' by the first and second wearer's from their respective wrists 12 and 12'.

STEP 2

REMOVING A CLOSED LOOP MEMBER

Each wearer then slidably removes from each wristband 20 and 20', one of the plurality of closed loop members 60 and 60' thereon, where each closed loop member 60 and 60' has a first indicia member 62 thereon and a second indicia member 72 thereon, respectively. The first and second indicia members 62 and 72 are different from each other, for example first indicia member 62 is a design in the form of a series of triangles (Δ) on the front wall 60f of closed loop member 60 and second indicia member 72 is an indicia symbol in the form of a corporate logo on the front wall 60f' of closed loop member 60', as depicted in Figure 6A of the drawings.

STEP 3
EXCHANGING EACH OF THE CLOSED LOOP MEMBERS

Each wearer now exchanges each of the removed closed loop members 60 and 60' having first and second indicia members 62 and 72 thereon, respectively, such that the first wearer 12 of the first friendship bracelet 10 receives the closed loop member 60' having the second indicia member 72 thereon and the second wearer 12' of the second friendship bracelet 10' receives the closed loop member 60 having the first indicia member 62 thereon.

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FIGURE 7B

STEP 4
ATTACHING EACH OF THE CLOSED LOOP MEMBERS

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Each wearer would now slidably attach each of the closed loop members 60 and 60' having the first and second indicia members 62 and 72 thereon, on each of the respective exchanged wristband 20 and 20' of the first and second friendship bracelets 10 and 10', respectively, such that closed loop member 60 having the first indicia member 62 thereon is slidably connected to the second wristband section 20' of the second friendship bracelet 10' of the second wearer 12', and the closed loop member 60' having the second indicia member 72 thereon is slidably connected to the first wristband section 20 of the first friendship bracelet 10 of the first wearer 12.

STEP 5
CLOSING THE FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

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Each wearer would then close the releasable closure means 40 on each of the wristband sections 20 and 20' of each first and second friendship bracelets 10 and 10', such that the first wearer 12 of the first friendship bracelet 10 has a plurality of closed loop members 60 and 60' thereon and wristband section 20 has at least one closed loop member 60' having a second indicia member 72 thereon; and the second wearer 12' of the second friendship bracelet 10' has a plurality of closed loop members 60 and 60' thereon and wristband section 20' has at least one closed loop member 60 having a first indicia member 62 thereon.

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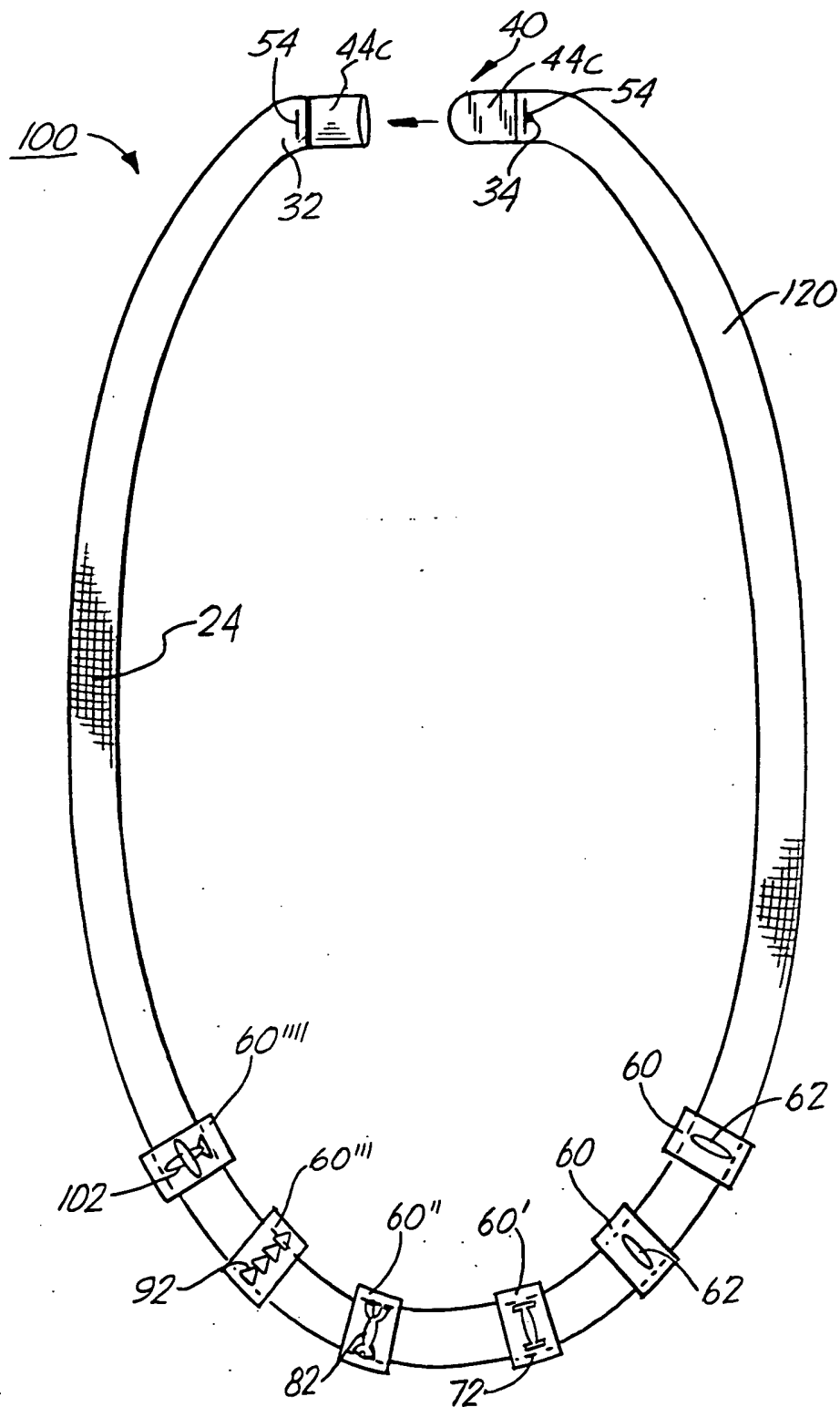


FIG. 8